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Joint Resolution

Designating November 16, 1989, as "Interstitial Cystitis Awareness Day".

Nov. 27, 1989

[H.J. Res. 291]

Whereas approximately 500,000 people in the United States suffer from interstitial cystitis, which is an inflammation of the bladder wall:

Whereas 90 percent of the victims of interstitial cystitis are women;

Whereas a symptom of interstitial cystitis is an urgent need to urinate (up to 60 times a day in severe cases):

Whereas interstitial bystitis is associated with intermittent or chronic pain due to the inflammation of the bladder wall;

Whereas sometimes the pain resulting from interstitial cystitis is so great it causes victims to take their own lives, though interstitial cystitis itself is not fatal;

Whereas the estimated economic impact in 1988 of interstitial cysti- tis was $1,700,000,000 in medical costs and lost productivity and wages;

Whereas prior to 1988, interstitial cystitis was an "orphan" disease and ignored by Federal funding for research; and

Whereas the Federal Government should substantially increase the funding of research of interstitial cystitis so that its funding is the same as other urological diseases: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 16, 1989, is designated as "Interstitial Cystitis Awareness Day". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day by increasing their awareness of interstitial cystitis and participating in other appro- priate activities.

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